



Maryland Attorney General's
COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force

AGENDA
Housing Security Committee
September 2, 2020

Item	Description	Time Allotted	Notes
1.	Call to Order and Open Meetings Act Announcement	2 minutes	Notify committee of any observers. Note that observers should remain on mute and add comments in the chat
2.	Discussion of legislative policy recommendations for renters' issues	20 minutes	<p>The Renters' Issues Subcommittee has met and made the following suggestions for potential recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More data-driven tools to identify eviction hotspot and target those areas with services • Altering the pre-eviction timeline to support eviction diversion • Address structural imbalance of summary ejection process for FTPR (short notice, lack of access to discovery, no opportunity for tenant to raise defenses/counterclaims) – see HB 1372
3.	Discussion of legislative policy recommendations for homeowners' issues	20 minutes	<p>The Homeowners' Issues Subcommittee has met and made the following suggestions for potential recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation to protect low income and disabled from tax sales (enabling legislation passed in 2019, could it be beefed up) • Larger individual exemption for equity in home for bankruptcy and debt collection proceedings • Review and restructure foreclosure mediation laws to make them more effective and able to handle increased volume.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining inter-agency coordination to address overlapping needs • Make homeowners property tax credit automatic (no application process or deadlines to miss)
4.	Discussion of legislative policy recommendations for homeless persons	20 minutes	<p>The Homeless Persons' Subcommittee has met and made the following suggestions for potential recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of state rental assistance program (long-term sustained rental assistance) • Life skills training programs (financial literacy, mental health, GED, trauma-informed care) •
5.	Set time for upcoming meetings and adjourn	1 minute	September 16, 2020 at 1:00.